s17 Geometric Series Exam (EXAM v333)

Question 1

Consider the partial geometric series represented below with first term a=864, common ratio $r=\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{1/10}$, and n=10 terms.

$$S = 864 + 806.14 + 752.16 + 701.79 + 654.79 + 610.94 + 570.03 + 531.85 + 496.24 + 463.01$$

We can multiply both sides by r.

$$rS \ = \ 806.14 + 752.16 + 701.79 + 654.79 + 610.94 + 570.03 + 531.85 + 496.24 + 463.01 + 432$$

What is the value of S - rS?

Question 2

Consider the geometric series shown below, using ellipsis notation to indicate a continuation of the pattern without writing every term.

$$S = 6 + 6(4) + 6(4)^{2} + 6(4)^{3} + \cdots + 6(4)^{54} + 6(4)^{55} + 6(4)^{56} + 6(4)^{57}$$

Identify the initial term, the common ratio, and the number of terms.

Question 3

Write a proof for the partial geometric series formula.

- a. Define the variables.
- b. Write the sum using variables and ellipsis notation. You can implicitly assume the number of terms is more than the number of terms you choose to write.
- c. Using annotated algebraic manipulation, produce the partial geometric series formula.